

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CLEANUP OF THE ASBESTOS DUMP SUPERFUND SITE SECOND OPERABLE UNIT IN MEYERSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a Proposed Plan for the White Bridge Road and the New Vernon Road asbestos sites in Meyersville, New Jersey for public comment as part of its public participation policy under section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The New Vernon Road and White Bridge Road Sites comprise the Second Operable Unit of the Asbestos Dump Superfund Site. The Proposed Plan summarizes the EPA's preliminary recommendation of a preferred cleanup alternative for the site as well as other alternatives that EPA evaluated during the Feasibility Study (FS). EPA has selected a remedy for the First Operable Unit in a previously signed Record of Decision dated September 30, 1988. EPA invites public comment on all of the alternatives evaluated in the FS and the preferred alternative described in EPA's Proposed Plan during a 30-day public comment period from July 8, 1991 to August 7, 1991.

EPA will host a public meeting on July 17, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Passaic Township Free Public Library in Stirling, New Jersey to discuss the FS and preferred alternative, answer questions and accept oral comments. During the public comment period, the public is invited to review the Proposed Plan and FS, which are available at the information repositories listed below, and to offer written or oral comments to EPA. Comments received during the public comment period and the public meeting will be considered before selecting the final remedial alternative.

Passaic Township Free Public Library 91 Central Ave. Stirling, NJ 07980 (908) 647-2088

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.:

10:00a.m.-9:00p.m.

Fri.: 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Sat.: 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Sun.: 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m. (Closed July and August)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278 (212) 264-5392

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Based on the FS and other available information, EPA evaluated the following alternatives for addressing the asbestos contamination at the sites.

- No action
- Soil/Vegetative Cap
- Excavation and Offsite Vitrification of Contaminated Soils
- In-site Stabilization/Solidification of Contaminated Soils
- Excavation and Disposal of Contaminated Soils at an Offsite Landfill.

EPA's preferred cleanup plan for the Second Operable Unit would involve the stabilization/solidification of the soils contaminated with greater than 0.5 percent asbestos, or approximately 37,100 cubic yards of soil, into an insoluble matrix. After the soils are solidified, the two sites will be graded and soil will be placed over the solidified material.

The estimated cost of this alternative is 5.7 million dollars and will take approximately 10 months to implement after remedial design activities.